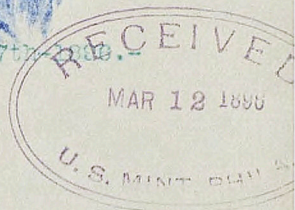


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March 7th 1890.



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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Davis".

Acting Assayer in Charge.-

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The U. S. Assay Office at Helena,

OFFICE OF ASSAYER IN CHARGE,

McK 7¹, 1896

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No. of Inclosures,

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